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FOLLOWING IS TEXT OF MARCH 17 LETTER FROM SYG TO
AMBASSADOR YOUNG:

QUOTE

THE SECRETARY-GENERAL OF THE UNITED NATIONS PRESENTS
HIS COMPLIMENTS TO THE PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVE OF THE
UNITED STATES OF AMERICA TO THE UNITED NATIONS
AND HAS THE HONOUR TO REFER TO GENERAL ASSEMBLY RESOLUTION 31/145
OF 17 DECEMBER 1976 (COPY ATTACHED). BY THIS RESOLUTION THE
GENERAL ASSEMBLY DECIDED THAT AN INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE IN
SUPPORT OF THE PEOPLES OF ZIMBABWE AND NAMIBIA SHOULD BE HELD
DURING 1977 FOR THE PURPOSE OF MOBILIZING WORLD-WIDE SUPPORT FOR,
AND ASSISTANCE TO, THE PEOPLES OF THOSE TERRITORIES IN THEIR
STRUGGLE FOR SELF-DETERMINATION AND INDEPENDENCE. IT FURTHER
REQUESTED THE SECRETARY-GENERAL, IN COOPERATION WITH THE SPECIAL
COMMITTEE ON THE SITUATION WITH REGARD TO THE IMPLEMENTATION OF
THE DECLARATION ON THE GRANTING OF INDEPENDENCE TO COLONIAL
COUNTRIES AND PEOPLES AND THE UNITED NATIONS COUNCIL FOR
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NAMIBIA AND IN CONSULTATION WITH THE ORGANIZATION OF AFRICAN UNITY,
TO ORGANIZE THE SAID CONFERENCE AT MAPUTO, MOZAMBIQUE.

HAVING REGARD TO THE FOREGOING, THE SECRETARY-GENERAL WISHES TO
REFER TO A REPORT OF THE ORGANIZING COMMITTEE OF THE CONFERENCE
(COPY ATTACHED) WHICH WAS APPROVED BY THE SPECIAL COMMITTEE AND
THE COUNCIL FOR NAMIBIA AT A JOINT MEETING HELD ON 2 MARCH 1977.

AS WILL BE SEEN FROM THE REPORT, IT IS ENVISAGED THAT THE CONFERENCE WILL TAKE PLACE AT MAPUTO FROM 16 TO 21 MAY 1977.

IN PARAGRAPH 14 (A) OF ITS REPORT THE ORGANIZING COMMITTEE RECOMMENDED THAT THE STATES MEMBERS OF THE SECURITY COUNCIL, THE SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON THE SITUATION WITH REGARD TO THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE DECLARATION ON THE GRANTING OF INDEPENDENCE TO COLONIAL COUNTRIES AND PEOPLES, THE UNITED NATIONS COUNCIL FOR NAMIBIA, AND THE SPECIAL COMMITTEE AGAINST APARTHEID, AS WELL AS THOSE MEMBERS OF THE CO-ORDINATING COMMITTEE FOR THE LIBERATION OF AFRICA OF THE ORGANIZATION OF AFRICAN UNITY WHICH ARE NOT MEMBERS OF THE AFOREMENTIONED BODIES, ATTEND THE CONFERENCE AS PARTICIPANTS.

PURSUANT TO THE RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE ORGANIZING COMMITTEE, THE SECRETARY-GENERAL WISHES TO INVITE YOUR GOVERNMENT TO PARTICIPATE IN THE CONFERENCE. IN THIS CONNEXION, IT WILL BE NOTED THAT, IN VIEW OF THE LIMITED SPACE AND ACCOMMODATION AVAILABLE, THE ORGANIZING COMMITTEE HAS RECOMMENDED THAT THE SIZE OF DELEGATIONS SHOULD NOT EXCEED THREE MEMBERS.

THE SECRETARY-GENERAL WOULD BE GRATEFUL TO RECEIVE FROM YOUR GOVERNMENT, AT THE LATEST BY 10 APRIL 1977, AN INDICATION OF ITS DECISION IN REGARD TO THE ABOVE MATTER, AND, AS APPROPRIATE, THE NAMES OF ITS REPRESENTATIVES TO THE CONFERENCE.

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